

## Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest Research and Creative Writing Rubric

Entries will be immediately disqualified for the following reasons:

- Content does not relate to theme
- No credit/bibliography citation
- Received after deadline
- Entry form is incomplete
- Submission of multiple entries
- No title
- Exceeds length specification
- No cover/title page
- Font/spacing specifications not followed

Suggested point range	0-14 Points	15-26 Points	27-34 Points
<b>Originality: Content and Title</b>	The work is a minimal assembly of other people's ideas.	The writing shows evidence of originality, imagination and creativity.	The product shows significant evidence of originality, imagination and creativity relating to the theme.
<b>Clarity: Interpretation of the theme</b>	The piece has no clear sense of purpose or theme. Contains inaccurate factual information. Research documentation is unclear.	The writer is beginning to define the topic even though development is still basic and general. Contains accurate factual information. Research documentation is partially or unclearly documented.	The writing is clear and focused. It holds the readers attention. Details enrich the central theme. Contains accurate factual information. Research documentation is clear and accurate.
<b>Craftsmanship: Mastery of Technique and Medium</b>	Obvious errors in spelling or punctuation, capitalization, usage and/or grammar not in relation to artistic expression that repeatedly distract the reader and make the piece difficult to read. The writing lacks a clear focus and direction.	The writer shows reasonable control over a limited range of standard writing conventions. The message is understandable in this format. The content flows, moving the reader through the text with little confusion.	The writing has a clear focus and direction. Sentences and composition are well constructed. The writer demonstrates a good grasp of standard writing conventions. The order, structure and presentation of information are compelling and move the reader through the text.

**All copyright-protected sources must be cited. This includes books, magazines, works of art and web sites, among others. A bibliography of sources must accompany all research entries.**